

PAUL GAMBOA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

(est. 2020)

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has demonstrated excellent service to the community and academic excellence. Paul Gamboa was the president of the Indian Prairie Education Association. A proud product of District 204, Paul attended Wheatland Elementary School, Hill Middle School, and Waubonsie Valley High School. He graduated in 2000 from Illinois State University, earning degrees in both Elementary Education and Psychology. He earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Benedictine University in 2010. He taught 3rd and 5th grade at White Eagle Elementary from 2000 to 2014. In addition to being IPEA President, Paul served as IPEA Vice President - Elementary South, IPEA Secretary, and IPEA Senator. Paul passed away unexpectedly in the Fall of 2019.

Selection criteria used in awarding scholarships will be based on a combination of student achievements, community service, involvement in the school and community, with particular attention paid to the student's servant leadership. The monetary award will be given to a student who has been accepted to any accredited college or university with the intent to major in education. This will be a one-time award and is not renewable. The scholarship will be paid directly to the individual winner and must be utilized for educational expenses during the following school year. A monetary award of \$1,000 will be given to each scholarship recipient. A committee of IPEA members will review all completed applications received by the deadline and will select the recipient(s). Scholarships will be awarded and announced in the Spring.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: **Monday, March 15th 2021**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: *Financial need is not a consideration for this scholarship*

1. Applicant must be a current high school senior.
2. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. Applicant must have a passion for service or teaching, and (ideally) will be studying a field that connects in some way to these pursuits.
4. Applicant must submit the official application, two letters of recommendation, and an essay.
5. All documentation must be received by the deadline stated.

ESSAY TOPICS:

Please choose **ONE** of the following questions provided for your essay response. Essays must be between 300-500 words.

1. Please discuss your educational experience in District 204 schools to the committee, including what has influenced your experience the most.
2. Explain your reasons for going into the education field. How/Why did you decide to go into the educational field?
3. Explain how one, or two, faculty member(s) has made an impact on you as a student, a person, a future citizen.
4. If you could be the Secretary of Education, what would you change about public education and why?

DEADLINE INFORMATION:

All application documents must be received by **Monday, March 15, 2021.**

PAUL GAMBOA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the application and turn in everything together.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Application form with both personal information and academic achievements
- B. Student Essay (300-500 words)
- C. Two signed letters of recommendation--at least one must come from a staff member
- D. An official, sealed seventh semester transcript from your class house

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name (Last, First, M.I.) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(used for application confirmation purposes only)

II. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA:

7th Semester Cumulative GPA: _____ ACT Composite and/or SAT Combined: _____

III. EXTRA-CURRICULAR DATA (high school only):

For additional space, use the reverse side. You may also attach a resume.

Honors and Awards: (national, state, local, academic, sports)

School Activities: (list clubs, teams, organizations, and other activities) *(Include type of activity and length of involvement)*

Out-of-School Activities:

IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Obtain two signed letters on your behalf. At least one must come from a staff member. Please include the letters in your application packet. *Each letter needs to be in a signed/sealed envelope from the recommender.* If you choose to submit your application via email, please have your letters of recommendation send to ipea.d204@gmail.com with your name in the subject.

V. POST SECONDARY PLANS:

College, University or Vocational/Technical school where you plan to enroll:

Location: _____

Have you applied for admission? _____ YES _____ NO

Have you received your letter of acceptance? _____ YES _____ NO

Program of study in which you are interested: _____

VI. ADDITIONAL DATA:

A. Employment Information:

Table with 3 columns: Employer, Job Description, Dates/Years. Each column has four horizontal lines for data entry.

B. Please include any other additional information you wish to provide in reference to your qualifications and/or needed for this scholarship.

VII. STUDENT ESSAY:

Write an essay response in 300-500 words and attach it to this application. Be sure to include which prompt you chose--refer to the Essay Topics on the first page.

I hereby affirm that I have prepared this application in its entirety and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature Date

The applicant is responsible for providing copies of the completed application for the scholarship he/she is applying for. All application documents must be received by Ms. Katie Popp either via mail at 1555 Bond Street Suite 121, Naperville, IL 60563 OR PDF email to ipea.d204@gmail.com by Monday, March 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM.